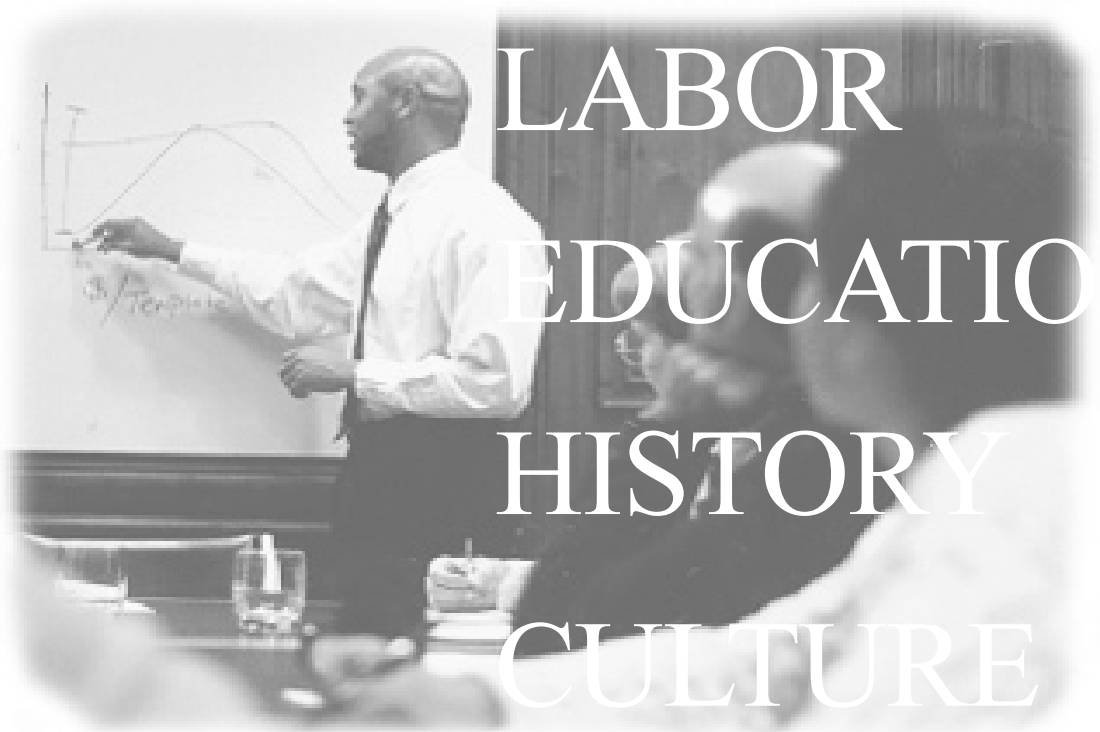


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History¹

Established on March 1, 1843, and named after the great American, Benjamin Franklin, Franklin Parish was created from parts of three neighboring parishes, Catahoula, Ouachita, and Madison. Franklin parish owes its origin to an accident. Two keelboats on Little Boeuf River, laden with machinery, ran aground here. The machinery in one was said to be able to gin cotton at the breathtaking rate of four bales a day. The other boat held a massive iron contrivance that could "cut more cypress boards in a day than fifty men." After unsuccessful efforts to free the boats from the sandbar, the boatmen decided to pitch camp here, and a settlement was born.

Culture and Recreation³

The largest town in the parish is Winnsboro, and hosts the annual Catfish Festival and a Fall Harvest Festival. Outdoor recreation is found in the Boeuf area and on Turkey Creek Lake. The parish's quiet country roads with cattle grazing in bordering fields are peaceful avenues into rural Louisiana.

Parish Seat¹ Winnsboro¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Winnsboro	
1990	5,755
1997 (estimate)	5,747

Parish Population²

1990	22,387
1997 (estimate)	22,324

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	66%
African American	33%
Other	0%
Male	47%
Female	53%
Population age 0-4	7%
Population age 65 & Over	16%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	70 ft.
Land area in square miles	623.4
Water area in square miles ⁴	12.1

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	67°
January	51°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	65.7 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	10,750
Employed	9,160
Unemployed	990
Unemployment	9.7%

Agriculture¹

Cotton, soybeans, livestock and boatbuilding.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Northeast Louisiana University,
Monroe

Public Libraries² 2

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	7.0%
High school graduate or higher	53.7%
Some college or higher	22.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.3%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

La Sevilla Fashions, Inc (Men's slacks)	250
Mastercrafters Corporations (Fiberglass boats/Trailers)	170
Southern Farm Fish (Catfish processing)	165

Public Employers

Franklin Parish School Board (Education)	664
Franklin Medical Center (Medical)	215

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	31.2%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	43.7%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$14,623



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Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington